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Location:

109 Hudson Lane, Americus, Sumter County, Georgia.

Significance:

Examples of shotgun-style houses typical of rental property of the area c.1912.

Description:

Four simple shotgun houses fronting on Dranes Alley which is now called Hudson Lane. The units are identical one room wide rectangular structures built side by side with exacting dimensions on raised brick pier foundations. A brick fireplace with two hearths is in the wall separating the two main rooms in each house and is the only source of heat. All four wooden clapboard structures have metal gabled roofs, four over four windows with a shed porch on the front and a recessed side porch on the back. A toilet and sink were added in each structure at a later date connecting the structures into two pairs. There is no door between the units.

History:

The Americus Construction Company built these four structures in 1912 at the same time as 413 N. Jackson Street. The owner of both lots was W.R. Drane, a retired farmer. The four structures were built on a parcel subdivided from 413 N. Jackson Street and have always been rental units. They face south on Drane's Alley which was cut to allow access to the units. Drane's Alley is now identified as Hudson Lane on city maps. There are no listings for occupants in the 1921 Americus City Directory.

The buildings are part of a 1989 Community Development Block Grant area and will be offered to the public to move or will be demolished.

Sources:

- Sumter County Deeds Record Book (1911,1912)
- Sanborn Fire Maps (1905,1912)1921 Americus City Directory

Historian:

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